

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0081400)

AND

RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R5-2006-0128

FOR

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC.,

SHASTA LAKE DIVISION SAWMILL

SHASTA COUNTY

Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc., Shasta Lake Division (Discharger) owns and operates a sawmill facility in the City of Shasta Lake, Shasta County. The facility consists of a paved log yard, sawmill, sorter/stacker, planer, various storage sheds, drying kilns, boiler, bone yard, maintenance shop, and an office. During the summer months, the Discharger utilizes potable water and reclaimed wastewater from the City of Shasta Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility for log sprinkling. The excess log yard runoff enters return ditches and a recycle pond. While sprinkling, the log yard is operated as a closed loop system. During precipitation periods, the log sprinkling is stopped and log yard runoff is directed into a 25-acre retention pond. When the retention pond reaches maximum storage capacity, pond water is discharged to an the unnamed tributary of Churn Creek, a water of the United States and a tributary to the Sacramento River via Churn Creek. The surface water discharge does not occur in all years.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider renewal of the Discharger's existing NPDES permit (referred to as Waste Discharge Requirements or WDRs). Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2006-0128 is proposed to be rescinded because its time schedule has expired, and final effluent limits have been included with the proposed renewed NPDES permit. The Discharger is expected to be able to immediately comply with the renewed NPDES permit.

A public hearing to address this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 17/18/19 March 2010
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. representatives

Designated parties but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **13 February 2010**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative NPDES Permit Renewal and Cease and Desist Order rescission order were issued on 14 January 2010. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 13 February 2010**. Written materials submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the above date will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact **Bryan Smith at (530) 226-3425**. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002-0129 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

14 January 2010



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Assistant Executive Officer

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